



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Committee of the Whole

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Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Somers called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Morton, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Executive Assistant Nicki Bresnayan.

3. Calendar and Communications

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

2012-0304 Approval of Minutes (Committee of the Whole)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Committee of the Whole meetings of September 22, 2012, October 2, 2012, October 9, 2012, October 13, 2012, and October 16, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Antipas, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, to adopt.

The motion carried unanimously

5. NEW BUSINESS

2012-0196 Mystic Streetscape Project - Update

A motion was made by Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilor Watson, that the members of the Town Council Committee of the Whole, Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Attorney Eric Callahan, Director of Planning & Development Michael Murphy and Project Manager Rick Norris go into executive session pursuant to General Statutes Section 1-200 (6) (B) for the purpose of discussing strategy related to pending litigation and/or pending claims concerning the Mystic Streetscape Project.

The motion carried unanimously

Discussed

The executive session concluded at 6:43 p.m.

2012-0101 Labor Negotiations (2012 Standing Referral)

A motion was made by Councilor Morton, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that the members of the Town Council, together with Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Manager of Labor Relations Joyce Sauchuk and Town Attorney Eileen Duggan go into executive session at 6:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to current and pending collective bargaining with multiple bargaining units. This action is taken without prejudice to the Council's right to discuss these matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1 200(2).

The motion carried unanimously

Discussed

The executive session concluded at 6:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Antipas, that the members of the Committee of the Whole approve the tentative agreement and the expenditure of funds necessary to implement the tentative agreement between the Town and the Groton Telecommunicators Association/United Electrical Local 222, Connecticut Independent Labor Union Local 86, Inc., Affiliated With United Electrical, Radio And Machine Workers of America for the term July 1, 2011-June 30, 2014.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0167 Pending Litigation (2012 Standing Referral)

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, to enter executive session at 6:59 p.m. to discuss 2012-0167 Pending Litigation, and to invite Town Manager Mark Oefinger to attend.

The motion carried unanimously

Discussed

The executive session concluded at 7:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Antipas, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Council of Governments proposed resolution regarding SEAT.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0285 Adoption of 2013 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule

Discussed

A motion was made by Council Streeter, seconded by Councilor Watson to adopt the regular meeting schedules as proposed. Town Manager Oefinger noted that this might be an opportunity to reconsider the committee make up and meeting schedules. The motion and second were withdrawn, and these items were tabled for further discussion.

2012-0286 Adoption of 2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule

Discussed

See discussion in 11/7/12 Committee of the Whole minutes under #2012-0285 Adoption of 2013 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule.

2012-0287 Adoption of 2013 Town Council Group I Regular Meeting Schedule

Discussed

See discussion in 11/7/12 Committee of the Whole minutes under #2012-0285 Adoption of 2013 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule.

2012-0288 Adoption of 2013 Town Council Group II Regular Meeting Schedule

Discussed

See discussion in 11/7/12 Committee of the Whole minutes under #2012-0285 Adoption of 2013 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule.

2012-0303 Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District

A motion was made by Councilor Antipas, seconded by Councilor Johnson, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0307 Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Streeter, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0312 Port Security Grant - Marine Group Equipment

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Streeter, that this matter be

Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0313 Port Security Grant - Marine Vessel Maintenance

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Streeter, that this matter be
Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0310 Gravel Street Pump Station Lease

Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger noted that the Planning Commission has recommended against the Gravel Street Pump Station Lease because of concerns with the propane tank. He read the Commission's motion and noted it would be entered into the public hearing record at the Town Council meeting following this meeting. The Town Manager stated that he has no concerns with the propane tank.

2011-0177 John Kelley Memorial

Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger explained that action on this item was tabled at the Town Council meeting to allow reconsideration of the proposed location for the memorial at the Bank Street parklet. Mayor Somers was contacted by the manager of the Mystic Bike Shop who expressed support for the parklet location. Councilor Streeter noted that there is an area planned in front of the book store that will highlight Mystic's maritime history. Most people that he spoke to regarding the statute had no objections to its location in the parklet. The Town Manager distributed a series of letters in support of the location along with plans for the area in front of the bookstore. Councilor Streeter showed Councilors photos of where the statue will be.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton, that this matter be
Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

6. Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Town Council Referral List

Recommended for Deletion:

2011-0195 Efficiency of Town and Board of Education Services

Not Discussed

2012-0072 Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) Legislative Agenda

Not Discussed

2012-0073 Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Groton Concerning Highway CIP Projects

Not Discussed

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Peruzzotti, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.